

Listing of the Claims: Please replace any previous listing of the claims with the following:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended)      An adhesive tape comprising:

- a stretch base material;
- an adhesive layer comprising a plurality of rectilinear grooves disposed on said base material, wherein said grooves extend in a tape width direction and are arranged in an array configuration in a longitudinal direction of said tape;
- said grooves not containing adhesive thereby facilitating breathability; and
- said grooves not extending across the entire width of said tape but having adhesive between said grooves; and
- wherein a length of said grooves changes stepwise repeating a gradual increase and decrease in said tape longitudinal direction.

20. (Canceled).

21. (Previously Presented)      The tape of claim 19 wherein a spacing between adjacent grooves decreases stepwise from a shortest groove toward a longest groove.

22. (Previously Presented)      The tape of claim 19 wherein a spacing between adjacent grooves increases stepwise from a shortest groove toward a longest groove.

23. (Previously Presented)      The tape of claim 19 wherein said base material is exposed through said grooves.

24. (Previously Presented)      The tape of claim 19 wherein said grooves are disposed parallel to each other.
25. (Previously Presented)      The tape of claim 19 wherein a width of said grooves changes with expansion and contraction of said tape.
26. (Previously Presented)      The tape of claim 19 wherein a thickness of said adhesive layer changes with expansion and contraction of said tape thereby changing a depth of said grooves.
27. (Previously Presented)      The tape of claim 19 further comprising a peelable exfoliate layer disposed on said adhesive layer.
28. (Previously Presented)      The tape of claim 19 wherein said array comprises a repetitive pattern.
29. (Previously Presented)      The tape of claim 19 wherein said grooves are not arranged at regular spacing in said longitudinal direction.
30. (Previously Presented)      The tape of claim 19 wherein said grooves comprise different lengths.

31. (New)      An adhesive tape comprising:
- a stretch base material;
  - an adhesive layer comprising a plurality of rectilinear grooves disposed on said base material, wherein said grooves extend in a tape width direction and are arranged in an array configuration in a longitudinal direction of said tape;
  - said grooves not containing adhesive thereby facilitating breathability;
  - said grooves not extending across the entire width of said tape but having adhesive between said grooves; and
  - wherein a spacing between adjacent grooves decreases stepwise from a shortest groove toward a longest groove.
32. (New)      The tape of claim 31 wherein a length of said grooves changes stepwise repeating a gradual increase and decrease in said tape longitudinal direction.
33. (New)      The tape of claim 31 wherein said base material is exposed through said grooves.
34. (New)      The tape of claim 31 wherein said grooves are disposed parallel to each other.
35. (New)      The tape of claim 31 wherein a width of said grooves changes with expansion and contraction of said tape.
36. (New)      The tape of claim 31 wherein a thickness of said adhesive layer changes with expansion and contraction of said tape thereby changing a depth of said grooves.

37. (New) The tape of claim 31 further comprising a peelable exfoliate layer disposed on said adhesive layer.

38. (New) The tape of claim 31 wherein said array comprises a repetitive pattern.

39. (New) The tape of claim 31 wherein said grooves are not arranged at regular spacing in said longitudinal direction.

40. (New) The tape of claim 31 wherein said grooves comprise different lengths.

41. (New) An adhesive tape comprising:  
a stretch base material;  
an adhesive layer comprising a plurality of rectilinear grooves disposed on said base material, wherein said grooves extend in a tape width direction and are arranged in an array configuration in a longitudinal direction of said tape;  
said grooves not containing adhesive thereby facilitating breathability;  
said grooves not extending across the entire width of said tape but having adhesive between said grooves; and  
wherein a spacing between adjacent grooves increases stepwise from a shortest groove toward a longest groove

42. (New) The tape of claim 41 wherein a length of said grooves changes stepwise repeating a gradual increase and decrease in said tape longitudinal direction.

43. (New) The tape of claim 41 wherein said base material is exposed through said grooves.

44. (New) The tape of claim 41 wherein said grooves are disposed parallel to each other.
45. (New) The tape of claim 41 wherein a width of said grooves changes with expansion and contraction of said tape.
46. (New) The tape of claim 41 wherein a thickness of said adhesive layer changes with expansion and contraction of said tape thereby changing a depth of said grooves.
47. (New) The tape of claim 41 further comprising a peelable exfoliate layer disposed on said adhesive layer.
48. (New) The tape of claim 41 wherein said array comprises a repetitive pattern.
49. (New) The tape of claim 41 wherein said grooves are not arranged at regular spacing in said longitudinal direction.
50. (New) The tape of claim 41 wherein said grooves comprise different lengths.